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many other excellent points made by Senator Erdman, Senator Stuthman, Senator Combs, about the importance, and I don't want to repeat that, but we have to be careful about the messages that we do send to those in this country that are watching. Ted Turner, for example, this is almost a negative, but Ted Turner now owns 288,000 acres of Nebraska rangeland, and he's going to raise bison. But the day well may come that we're going to have a buffalo packinghouse in Nebraska, and one never knows. I'm not predicting that, but that may well be. And maybe that will be the wave of the future, I don't know, but as we depopulate our rural counties, there has got to be something out there. And since we have this livestock base in this state at this point, we cannot afford to lose it or even send a message that we're considering being negative. So that was the point I wanted to make on the previous amendment, and I've had my say. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Mr. Clerk, item on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to bracket the bill until March 30, 2003.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers you're recognized to open on your bracket motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, "Squire" Wehrbein has had his say; now I shall have mine. I had turned my light on a couple of times as the debate was proceeding, then I turned it off. What you have before you now is an amended committee amendment. What you have before you, if you will allow me to use an analogy, is a law against stealing chickens written by the foxes. And it's appropriate that the charge was led by none other than our distinguished "Silver Fox." When you have a group of people whose conduct has raised serious questions among the citizenry, and the Legislature undertakes to behave in a responsible manner to address and answer those questions raised by the citizenry, and instead of giving them answers, they are given a piece of legislation written by those about whose conduct the questions are raised, then you have witnessed an exercise in political cynicism. Do I